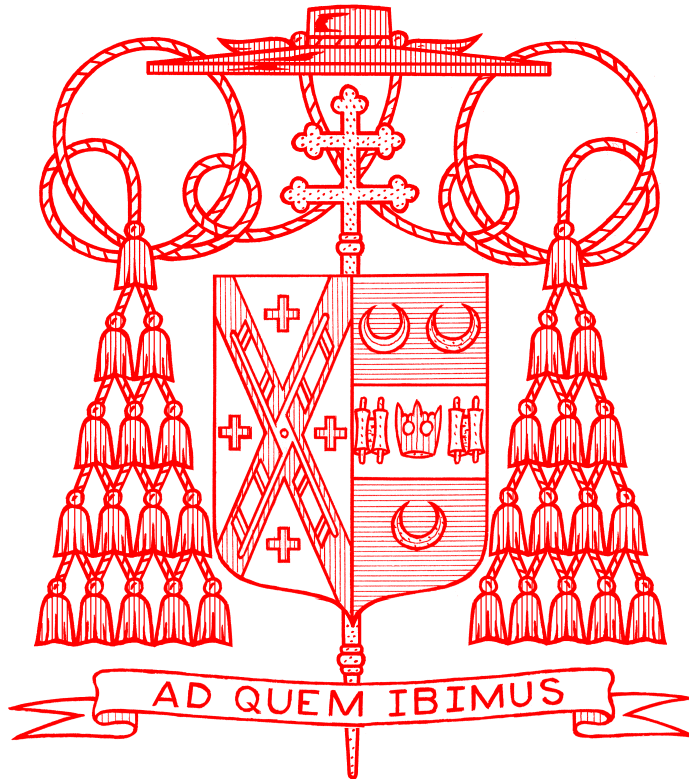


ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



MERRY CHRISTMAS

MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2023

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



HIS EMINENCE
TIMOTHY MICHAEL CARDINAL DOLAN
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT
DECEMBER 25, 2023



ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
"AMERICA'S PARISH CHURCH"
NEW YORK CITY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

from the *Roman Martyrology*

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,
and formed man in his own likeness;
when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses
in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,
and was made man:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, *Archbishop of New York*

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Reverend Enrique J. Salvo, *Rector, St. Patrick's Cathedral*

Reverend Monsignor Joseph LaMorte, *Vicar General, Archdiocese of New York*

Reverend Edward Dougherty, MM

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Reverend Damian O'Connell, SJ

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Reverend Andrew King

Reverend Ryan Muldoon

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Deacon James Anthony Bello

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Glenn Schuck

Vincente Bonilla

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Angelo Sala (Italian)

Gabriele Pietz-Vogel (German)

Marie-Lourdes Robert (Creole)

Selam Seyoum (Tigrinya)

Krystyna Piorkowska (Polish)

Tina Francesca Hollman (Chinese)

Paola Villagra (Spanish)

Victoria Baxa (Tagalog)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jennifer Pascual, DMA, *Director of Music*

Daniel Brondel, *Associate Director of Music*

Mark Pacoe, *Associate Director of Music*

Mark Heimbigner, *Cantor*

St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir

New York Symphonic Brass

Kenneth DeCarlo, Trumpet

John Sheppard, Trumpet

David Peel, Horn

Paul Bellino, Trombone

Morris Kainuma, Tuba

Daniel Haskins, Percussion

John Romeri II, Flute

Andre Tarantiles, Harp

Liv Redpath - Soprano, Metropolitan Opera, *Guest Soloist*

P R E L U D E C O N C E R T
(11:00 P.M.)

THE SUSSEX CAROL

RENÉ CLAUSEN

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth, good tidings of our Savior's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place.
Angels in heaven with joy may sing all for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God we sing once again, now and for evermore, Amen!

CAROL OF THE BELLS

MYKOLA LEONTOVICH
ARR. PETER J. WILHOUSKY

Hark! how the bells; Sweet silver bells, All seem to say "throw cares away"
Christmas is here Bringing good cheer To young and old, Meek and the bold
Ding, dong, ding, dong, That is their song, With joyful ring All caroling.
One seems to hear, Words of good cheer, From everywhere Filling the air
O, how they pound, Raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, Telling their tale,
Gayly they ring, While people sing song of good cheer, Christmas is here!

IL EST NÉ, LE DIVIN ENFANT

ARR. HAROLD C. SCHMIDT
CARL B. SCHMIDT

He is born, the divine Christ child; play on the oboe, and sound the bagpipes!
He is born, the divine Christ child; sing we all of his blessed birth!

Now for more than four thousand years, he was promised to us by prophets.
Now for more than four thousand years, we've awaited this happy time!

For his graces are so perfect! Oh how handsome and charming too.
Oh how sweet this divine Christ child!

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows Upon a winter night
Was born the Child the Christmas Rose, The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might Dwell.
Perri di Christina, *Mezzo-Soprano*

WHILE BY MY SHEEP

ARR. HUGO JÜNGST

While by my sheep I watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright:
How great my joy,
joy, joy joy,
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.
There shall be born, so he did say, In Bethlehem a child today:
There shall he lie, in manger mean, Who shall redeem the world from sin:
Lord, evermore to me be nigh, Then shall my heart be filled with joy!

TOLLITE HOSTIAS, FROM *CHRISTMAS ORATORIO*

CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS

Lift up the offerings, and worship the Lord in this holy courtyard.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice,
at the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

REJOICE AND BE MERRY

JOHN RUTTER

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth,
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth:
For this is the birthday of Jesus our king,
Who brought us salvation: his praises, we'll sing.

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky,
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation: his praises, we'll sing.

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the wise man from the East to draw near;
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,
Who brought a salvation, his praises will sing.

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.
So blessed forever be Jesus our King,
Who brought a salvation: his praises will sing.
Rejoice and be merry, Rejoice!

CAROL FEST

ARR. JAMES H. LASTER

In dulci jubilo Let us our homage show;
Our heart's joy reclineth In praeseptio like a bright star shineth Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O.
'Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, Help me cradle the child divine;
God reward thee and all that's thine In paradise,' So prays the mother Mary.
He came among us at Christmastide, In Bethlehem; Jesus, Lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!
'Gladly, dear one, lady mine, Help cradle this child of thine;
Men shall bring from far and wide Love's diadem:
God's own light on us both shine In paradise, As prays the mother Mary.'
O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray, Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.
From heaven above to earth I come Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.
While by my sheep I watched at night, Glad tidings brought and angel bright.
How great my joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.
Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, let steeple bells be swungen, And io, io, io by priest and people sungen.
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

HYMN

"Away in a Manger"

JOHN MCFARLAND & JAMES MURRAY

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus! I ask you to stay

1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
2. But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
3. Close by me for ev - er, and love me, I pray.

1. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
2. I love you, Lord Je - sus! look down from the sky,
3. Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,

1. The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
2. And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. And fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

HYMN

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to

1. see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep
2. all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep
3. gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts
4. us, we pray; Cast out our sin and en - ter in,



1. The si - lent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets
2. Their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -
3. The bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his
4. Be born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas



1. shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The hopes and
2. geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And prais - es
3. com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls
4. an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell; O come to



1. fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
2. sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
3. will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
4. us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

H Y M N

“Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

The choir will sing verses 1-4. All sing verses 5 and 6.

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| 1. Once in royal David’s City
Stood a lowly cattle shed;
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child. | 2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy. |
| 3. And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he. | 4. For he is our childhood’s pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness. |

5. And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the

own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in

gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he
 hea - ven, Set at God's right hand on - high; When like

leads his chil - dren on To the place where he is gone,
 stars his child - ren crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Noël X: Grand jeu et duo” *from* Nouveau livre de Noël
 LOUIS-CLAUDE D’AQUIN

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful/Venid, Fieles Todos”
 ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful Joy - ful and tri -
 2. *En po - bre pe - se - bre ya - ce - el re - cli -*
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul -
 4. Je - sús ce - le - bra - mos tu ben - di - to

1. um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le -
 2. na - do, al mun - do o - fre - cien - e - ter - na sal - va -
 3. ta - tion, Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 4. nom - bre con him - nos so - lem - nes de gra - to lo -

1. hem; Come and be - hold him Born the King of An - gels;
 2. ción. Al san - to Me - si - as, el Ver - e bo hu - ma - na - do,
 3. bove; Glo - ry to God, In the high - est:
 4. or. Por si - glos e - ter - nos la hu - ma - ni - dad te hon - re.

O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him,
 Ve - nid, a - do - re - mos, ve - nid, a - do - re - mos,

O come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!
 ve - nid, a - do - re - mos a Cris - to, el Se - ñor.

2. In poor manger he lay reclining,
 giving to the world eternal salvation,
 the Holy Messiah, the incarnate Word.

4. Jesus, we celebrate your blessed name
 with solemn hymns of pleasing glory;
 For endless centuries mankind honors you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

**I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, all say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

KYRIE

“Kyrie Divinum Mysterium”
Jennifer Pascual



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Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Missa Adeste Fideles
Rev. Carlo Rossini

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

BE SEATED

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom
a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing,
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,
as people make merry when dividing spoils.
For the yoke that burdened them,
the pole on their shoulder,
and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
will be burned as fuel for flames.
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast
and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains
by judgment and justice,
both now and forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

William Ferris



To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R**

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound;

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **R**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;

for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy. **R**

SEGUNDA LECTURA

Tito 2,11-14

Vino a este mundo la gracia de Dios,

trayendo la salvación a todos los hombres

y educándonos para que aprendamos a rechazar la maldad

y los deseos mundanos,

y vivamos así en este mundo como seres responsables,

justos y que sirven a Dios.

Pues esperamos el día feliz

en que se manifestará con su gloria

nuestro magnífico Dios y Salvador Cristo Jesús.

El se sacrificó por nosotros

y, de esa manera, nos liberó de las fuerzas del pecado

y purificó a su pueblo, un pueblo que le pertenece

y que no desea otra cosa que hacer el bien.

The grace of God has appeared,

saving all

and training us to reject godless ways

and worldly desires

and to live temperately,

justly, and devoutly in this age,

as we await the blessed hope,

the appearance of the glory

of our great God and savior Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for us

to deliver us from all lawlessness

and to cleanse for himself a people

as his own, eager to do what is good.

Palabra de Dios.

Te alabamos Señor.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Christmastime Alleluia

James Chepponis



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Good news of great joy to all the world:
today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that the whole world should be enrolled.
This was the first enrollment,
when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.
And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth
to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,
because he was of the house and family of David,
to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.
While they were there,
the time came for her to have her child,
and she gave birth to her firstborn son.
She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.
Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields
and keeping the night watch over their flock.
The angel of the Lord appeared to them
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were struck with great fear.
The angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.
For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes
and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BE SEATED

HOMILY

Cardinal Dolan

STAND

ed. Vat. III

PROFESSION OF FAITH



Pa - trem om-ni-po-ten-tem fa - cto-rem cae-li et ter-rae, vi - si - bi - li -
um om - ni-um et in - vi - si - bi - li-um. Et in u-num
Do-mi-num Je-sum Chri-stum. Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum.
Et ex Pa-tre na - tum an-te om-ni-a sae - cu-la. De-um de De-o,
lu-men de lu-mi-ne, De-um ve-rum de De-o ve-ro. Ge-ni-tum,
non fa - ctum, con-sub-stan-ti - a - lem Pa-tri: per quem om-ni - a

fa-cta sunt. Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem

de-scen-dit de cae-lis. Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu

San-cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne, et ho-mo fa-ctus est. Cru-ci-fi-

xus e-ti-am pro no-bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to, pas-sus et se-pul-tus est.

Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras.

Et a-scen-dit in cae-lum, se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa-tris.

Et i-te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri-a, ju-di-ca-re vi-vos et

mor-tu-os, cu-jus re-gni non e-rit fi-nis. Et in Spi-ri-tum San-

ctum, Do-mi-num et vi-vi-fi-can-tem: qui ex Pa-tre Fi-li-o-que

pro-ce-dit. Qui cum Pa-tre et Fi-li-o si-mul a-do-ra-tur

et con - glo - ri - fi - ca-tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per pro - phe-tas.

Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.

Con - fi - te - or u - nam Ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.

Et ex - spe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum. Et vi - tam ven -

tu - ri sae - cu - li. A - - - - - men.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Cardinal: On this Holy Night let us implore the God of perfect peace to fill us with the Glory of the Word-made-flesh.

(English): Our Response is **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

(Italian): For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he may continue to lead the Church with great love and compassion.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(German): For Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, his assistant bishops, all bishops, priests, deacons, and religious, that they will continue to inspire the Holy people of God as living examples of Christ’s love.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Creole): For a greater respect for all human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Tigrinya): For the nations and peoples of the world, that justice and peace may reign in all lands.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Polish): For all the sick, and for those who care for them; that they may receive from God, who
in Jesus became man for us, fortitude and serenity of heart, Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Chinese): For the people of God in the Archdiocese of New York, that our work and worship
together may celebrate Christ's presence among us.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Spanish): For the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the lonely, that in the miracle of Christ's birth,
they may experience the healing and hope of God.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

(Tagalog): For all who have died, that the new life of the Messiah may be theirs.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R**

Cardinal: Lord God, your love knows no limit, your compassion no end. Hear the prayers we
make as we celebrate your most perfect gift to your human family: The Messiah, Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

ANTHEM

"For Unto Us a Child Is Born" from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

STAND

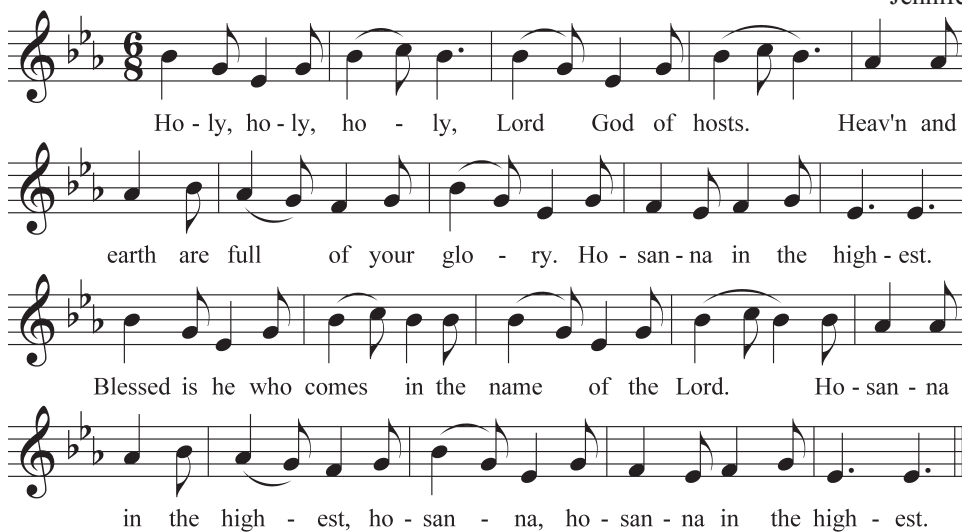
THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations

Jennifer Pascual



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

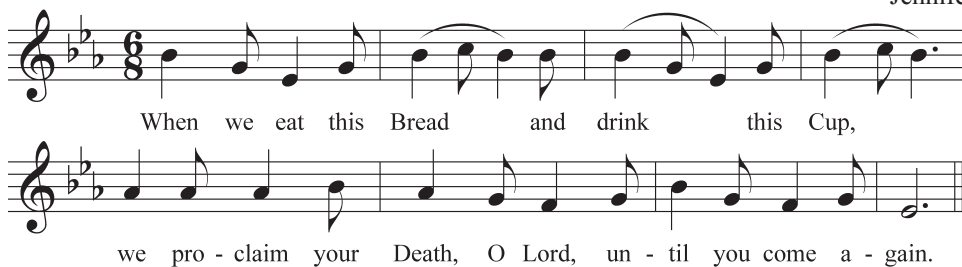
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KNEEL

MYSTERY OF FAITH

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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GREAT AMEN

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A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

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STAND

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pa - ter nos - ter, qui es in cae - lis: san - cti - fi - cé - tur
no - men tu - um; ad - vé - ni - at re - gnum tu - um;
fi - at vo - lún - tas tu - a, sic - ut in cae - lo, et in ter - ra.
Pan - em nos - trum co - ti - di - á - num da no - bis hó - di - e;
et dim - ít - te no - bis dé - bi - ta nos - tra, sic - ut et nos
dim - ít - ti - mus de - bi - tó - ri - bus nos - tris; et ne nos in - dú - cas
in ten - ta - ti - ó - nem; sed lí - be - ra nos a ma - lo.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

DOXOLOGY



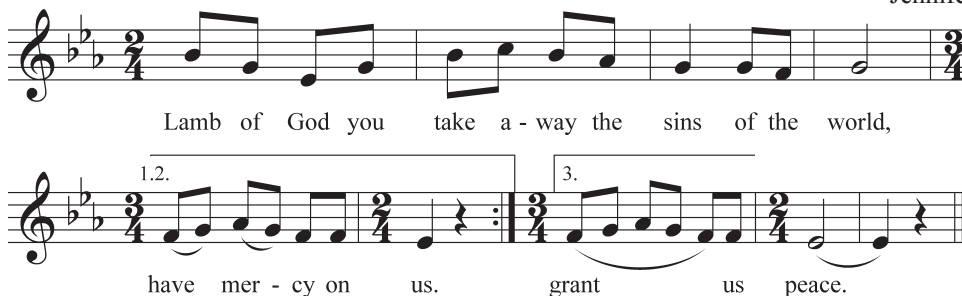
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

THE RITE OF PEACE

AGNUS DEI

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations

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KNEEL

COMMUNION

The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion.

We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

ANTIPHON

Mode VI

Amidst the splendors of the heavenly sanctuary,
from the womb, before the morning star, I have begotten you.

“O Holy Night”
Adolphe Adam
arr. John Grady
Former Music Director

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O Night when Christ was born.
Truly He taught us to love one another,
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend.
Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our friend.
Christ is the Lord, Then ever, ever praise we;
His power and glory evermore proclaim.
Liv Redpath - Soprano, *Metropolitan Opera*

“The Virgin’s Slumber Song”
Max Reger, arr. Richard Proulx

Amid the roses Mary sits and rocks her Jesus child,
while ‘mid treetops sighs the breeze so warm and mild.
And soft and sweetly sings the bird on the bough.

Ah, baby, dear one, slumber now.

Happy is the laughter, holy is the silent rest;
lay thy head in slumber, fondly on thy mother’s breast.

H Y M N

“Stille Nacht / Noche de Paz / Silent Night”

Franz Gruber



1. Stil - le - Nacht hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 2. No - che de paz, No - che de a - mor; Mi - ra qué gran
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

1. ein - sam wacht Nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 2. res - plan - dor. Lu - ce en el ros - tro del Ni - ño Je - sús,
 3. love's pure light Ra - dianc beams from thy ho - ly face,

1. Hol - der Kna - be im loc - ki - gen Haar, Schlaf in
 2. En el pe - se - bredel mun - do la luz, Bri - lla la es -
 3. With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,

1. himm - li - scher Ruh, Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 2. tre - lla de paz, Bri - lla la es - tre - lla de paz.
 3. Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

1. Silent night, holy night,
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,
 look how the world's light
 shines in great splendor on the face
 of the baby Jesus in the manger
 shines the star of peace.

STAND

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



1. new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and
2. last - ing Lord, Late in time to be - hold him come Off - spring
3. Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with



1. sin - ners re - con - ciled: Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,
2. of a vir - gin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God - head see,
3. heal - ing in his wings; Mild he lays his glo - ry by,



1. Join the tri - umph of the skies, With th'an - gel - ic
2. Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as man with
3. Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the



1. host pro - claim, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.
2. man to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - ma - nu - el.
3. sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new - born King.

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*
George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

“Joy to the World”
George Frideric Handel
arr. Joseph Willcox Jenkins

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room And Heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.
He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteous love. And wonders of his love.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella
Keith Chapman



GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (*Code of Canon Law*, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the *Code of Canon Law* does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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